GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
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EXCAVATION AT VIKRAMSHILA UNIVERSITY
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the excavation work is going on at ancient Vikramshila University;

(b) if so, the details of the various articles and other materials found in the excavation;

(c) the museums where these articles are to be kept;

(d) whether the Govt. provide any assistance to the State Govt. for the construction and maintenance of museums;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor ?

Answer

MINSTER OF CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR)

(a) There is no on-going excavation at Vikramshila.

(b) From the previous excavation various sculptures of the Hindu and Buddhist pantheon, terracottas and earthen wares were found.

(c) At present there is no proposal for displaying the artifacts.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) & (f) Under the scheme of promotion and strengthening of regional and local museums, voluntary organisations and state governments are provided financial assistance.